

# W.J. BEREZOWSKY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## January 2023

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## PRINCIPAL & VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Welcome back to school and Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and had a chance to share some special moments with family and friends. I have never been one to make New Year's resolutions, but I have always enjoyed the dawning of a new year; it represents many things to many people. Some worry about all of the tasks that were left undone in the previous year, some fret over growing another year older and some just dread the January cold. Too often we forget how refreshing a new year really is.

Ellen Goodman once said, "We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives... not looking for flaws, but for potential." That simple quote epitomizes what it is to teach children. As educators, we know the importance of looking for the potential in each child who has been entrusted to us. We know that we will not help children achieve great things if we focus on their flaws.

I can personally assure all of our families that in this New Year, we will continue to look for the potential in every child within our building so that we can help each of them achieve great things with the gifts they have been given.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish all of our families a wonderful New Year.

**Mr. Tournier, Principal**

**Mrs. Court - Vice-Principal**



## PRE-K

2023 has arrived! Happy New Year! It's great to be back at school and see all the smiling faces. The students are excited to be back and see all of their friends. They have so much news to share with one another. Hopefully the new year will bring some warm weather so we can get outside and play in all of our snow! We plan to spend a lot of time outside if weather permits so, please continue to send appropriate clothing for outside play.

**Mrs. Keller**

## WATER BOTTLES

Our school no longer has water fountains for students' use. We have replaced them with water bottle refill stations. Please ensure your child brings a reusable water bottle to school. It is really important they keep hydrated.

Thank you.



## KINDERGARTEN

Hello Families! We will have a busy month of learning! In our Jolly Phonics program, we will focus on the letter sounds of b, j, z, w, y, and x. The Kinders have been working hard on their letter sounds, and we will complete the entire alphabet by the end of this month. We will learn about light and magnetic forces during our Play and Exploration time. We will also begin our Diversity Unit. Please send me a family photo that includes a picture of your child with their siblings, grandparents, aunt, uncle, pet, or anyone else that is easy to send to me through Edsby or my email address ([bjefferson@srsd119.ca](mailto:bjefferson@srsd119.ca)). I am looking forward to this new year!

**Mrs. Jefferson**

## GRADE 1

Hello and Happy New Year to our W.J.B students and families! I hope this newsletter finds everyone rested after our Christmas break and that our hearts were filled with good laughter, fun and food.

I will continue to send home green bags with our students. Please read and initial daily for your child to earn rewards. Please allow your child to struggle through their reading process and be patient with them. They are learning. I promise!

I would like to mention we also have a teacher candidate working in our classroom until May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Mr. Lambert is already teaching lessons and the students are having a great time with him. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. 😊

Have a great month!

**Ms. Wintringham**

## GRADE 2

Happy New Year Grade Two families and welcome back to school! I hope you all had a fun-filled, relaxing break! As we return from the break we will be starting some new units in social studies and science, while continuing to work on addition and subtraction in math, and building on our reading and writing strategies and skills in language arts. We are continuing our home reading program as well; please read with your child and send their book bag back to school with them each day. As students fill their reading logs they have the opportunity to choose a prize from our treasure chest.

We will be continuing with Show and Tell on Fridays throughout the month of January. Students who would like to participate should bring one item to share with the class during this time. I am asking students not to bring toys, trinkets, etc. to school except for on Fridays. They are a distraction during class time and we cannot be responsible for items that get broken or go missing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Have a great January!

**Mrs. Dansereau**

## GRADE 3

Welcome back after a relaxing Christmas break.

Please encourage your child to read every day with books from their green reading bag. I strongly believe that with daily reading practice at home, students become more confident in their reading ability and improve their writing skills. Remember to have your child read to you, ask questions about what they are reading as this will help their comprehension. Please remind your child to return and exchange green reading bag books weekly or as needed. Thank you for your support.

Stay warm and all the best to you in 2023.

**Mrs. Winsor**

## GRADE 4P

Happy 2023 to everyone! As we find ourselves back to school after a lovely Christmas break, the grade 4P classroom wanted to offer you an acrostic poem describing all things 'January'.

Juggling schoolwork, basketball practice, and after-school program

And the Canadian Junior Hockey team won gold again at the 2023 IHF World Junior Championship with an impressive overtime win over Czechia. Go Canada!!!

Never forgetting to bring our agendas to school every day.

Understanding number patterns and learning how to write pattern rules.

Asking ourselves questions as we read to help us understand the text fully.

Raring to learn more about governance in Saskatchewan.

Yay, for orthographic mapping!!!

Important dates to watch for in January include: report cards will be sent home on Friday, January 20; the grades K to 4 students will be attending a presentation at Princess Margaret School on Friday, January 27 at 1:00 called, "Motivational Magic with Steve Harmer"; and there will be no school on Monday, January 30 due to a PLC.

Stay warm, stay safe, and all the best to you in 2023.

**Ms. Paterson**

## GRADE 4W

Happy New Year!

In Grade Four we are going to be busy learning comprehension reading strategies such as predicting, making connections, visualizing, questioning, and summarizing! We will be working with fiction and non-fiction text. At home you could read a picture book or novel with your child and ask them questions about what you read! In Math we are going to be working on multiplication. We learn multiple strategies for understanding multiplication. A great way to practice multiplication at home is with a deck of cards and play multiplication war! Sound Energy will be our unit in Science and we will be learning about Saskatchewan's Metis People in Social Studies! May health and happiness follow you and yours throughout the year to come!

**Mrs. Willie**



## GRADE 5

Welcome Back! I hope you all had a fantastic break and enjoyed time with family and friends. We are continuing our multiplication and division unit. We are almost done and will be having a test on this unit - so please make sure to practice at home! I am glad to see everyone and be back to learning! :)

**Ms. Cournoyer**



## GRADE 6

Happy 2023 to our Berezowsky families! I hope your holidays were lit up with love and joy. I hope the break brought opportunities to connect with family members and friends. With the new year now in full swing, with it brings new goals. Students took time to set personal and academic goals for themselves today.

We are wrapping up our novel study, *Underground to Canada*, focusing on comprehension. Additionally, we are finishing up our social studies brochures on why Canada would be the best place to live in the world. We continue to take an in depth look into the writing process and will be applying our learnings on our student writing pieces. Moving forward, there will be more time spent focusing on student presentations, where we hope to build everyone's confidence and broaden their oracy skills.

In the upcoming days, you will notice your child with additional homework, as some of the projects and assignments have not been completed. The Term One report card will be sent home with your child on January 20th.

Finally, just a few reminders to note, please dress appropriately for our winter season and remember to be punctual and to arrive on school on time.

If you have any concerns, please message me through Class Dojo or you can call the school @ (306)763-7404.

All the best in the new year!

**Mrs. Donaldson**

## GRADE 7

Aaaaand, just like that, the holidays have come to an end!

Welcome back!! I hope everyone has enjoyed their holidays and that Santa was good to each and every one of you!

The grade 7 class will jump right back into each subject. We will start three new units this week. ELA, our short stories. Social, our dynamic relationships unit, and the fun and exciting unit in science, mixtures and solutions.

**Ms. Deschambeault**



## GRADE 8

We Are Back! I hope everyone enjoyed the break, has recharged, and is ready to get back to learning. We finished up many units right before the break so we have lots of new topics to cover. In ELA we are starting a new unit on debates and I am excited to see what the students come up with. Just a reminder for parents to check in on their students Google classroom to make sure that all of their assignments are being handed in.

**Ms. Strom**

## WJB CLOTHING

There are extra WJB clothing for sale. We have an assortment of sizes and colors available @ the office. If you are interested, please phone school or stop in at the office.



## BASKETBALL

The grade 7-8 Co-ed basketball team is preparing to play games in the month of January. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, January 5 WJB @ King George  
Wednesday, January 11 Spruce Home @ WJB  
Wednesday, January 18 Osborne @ WJB  
Wednesday, January 25 King George @ WJB  
Wednesday, February 1 Spruce Home @ WJB  
Wednesday, February 8 Extravaganza Begins



The Grade 4-5 three-on-three basketball league starts up the week of January 9-13.

Coach Huddleston and Coach Mack

### **Grade 5/6 – 3 on 3 Basketball Schedule – 2023**

<b>Week One</b> Jan. 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Queen Mary vs Westview Muskoday vs Arthur Pechey Wild Rose vs Red Wing Riverside vs WJB
<b>Week Two</b> Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Queen Mary vs Muskoday Wild Rose vs Westview Riverside vs Arthur Pechey WJB vs Red Wing
<b>Week Three</b> Jan. 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Queen Mary vs Wild Rose Riverside vs Muskoday WJB vs Westview Red Wing vs Arthur Pechey
<b>Week Four</b> Jan. 30 <sup>th</sup> – Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Queen Mary vs Riverside WJB vs Wild Rose Red Wing vs Muskoday Arthur Pechey vs Westview
<b>Week Five</b> Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	Queen Mary vs WJB Red Wing vs Riverside Arthur Pechey vs Wild Rose Westview vs Muskoday



Thank you for playing in the 3 on 3 league this year!!



**THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION REMEMBRANCE DAY POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**Alexis Badger - Grade 7**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**Essay Contest**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**Chase Bear - Grade 7**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**Black & White Poster Contest**



**Pictured above are representatives from The Royal Canadian Legion, Alexis & Chase and Grade 7 teacher, Ms. Deschambeault.**

**Congratulations!!**



## **CHRISTMAS FAMILY HAMPER SHOPPING**

**Thank you to many sponsors, we were able to support 18 families with food hampers!!**

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**Students went shopping in a limo on Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>  
@ Superstore & Co-op.**



**Pictured above: Limo Driver, S. Bear, A. Olson, G. Lachance-Sanderson, L. Lachance-Sanderson, G. Isbister, I. Falconer, T. Kurylowich, J. Fiddler-Falconer**



**Pictured above: D. Herman, T. Head, C. Arcand, E. Ballantyne, Z. Day, D. Rabbitskin, B. Gardiner, N. Ballantyne**